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For: Expression Monitoring For Human Cytomegalovirus (HCMV) Infection

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Preliminarily to the examination of the above-identified application, kindly amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, after the title, insert the following paragraph:

The present invention is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/377,907, filed August 20, 1999.

REMARKS

The amendment to the specification is made in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 119, 37 C.F.R. 1.78 and 37 C.F.R. 1.55. No new matter has been entered. Entry is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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